GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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SETTING UP OF BHARAT OMAN REFINERY LTD. BINA
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the date of sanctioning Bharat-Oman Refinery Ltd., Agasaud (Bina) alongwith the date on which the said refinery was scheduled to start functioning;

(b) the details of the technical works yet to be completed in the said refinery till date alongwith the date by which these works are likely to be completed and the refinery to become functional; and

(c) the details of the scheme prepared by the Government to recruit the local unemployed persons to administrative and technical posts in the said refinery?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI JITIN PRASADA)

(a) The Bina Refinery project of Bharat Oman Refineries Limited (BORL) was originally sanctioned by the Government of India on 11.12.1995 as a Joint Venture of Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) and Oman Oil Company Limited (OOCL), Oman. The JV partner, OOCL decided not to invest further in the project. Finally, the project with its present configuration, cost, execution methodology and mandatory clearances, including investments, was approved by the BPCL Board on 26.12.2005 with scheduled completion in December 2009.

(b) While the overall physical progress of the project is 96.8%, residual work relating to the following items is in progress:

(i) Reactors for Hydrocracker Unit and Diesel Hydrotreating Unit.

(ii) Steam Turbine Generator Unit along with Solid Material Handling System (SMHS) of Captive Power Plant.

(iii) Coke Drum System Package.

(iv) Hydrogen Generation Unit

(v) Heaters and HP exchangers for MS Block.

(vi) Net gas compressor for MS Block

(vii) Sulphur Block

All the works are nearing completion and the project is scheduled for mechanical completion in March, 2010.

(c) BORL undertakes recruitment of its technical persons from engineering colleges including those from the state of Madhya Pradesh. Even while recruiting experienced personnel, all things being equal, preference has been given to local candidates.